

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES –Fisheries Department - Sri V.V.S.P.R.V. Prasad, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries(Retd), Kakinada, East Godavari district – Departmental proceedings under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Article of Charges – Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (Dy&Vig(2)) DEPARTMENT

<u>G.O.RT.No. 136</u>

<u>Dated: 26.05.2015</u>

<u>Read:-</u>

G.O.Ms.No.14, AHDD & F (Dy&Vig(2)) Department, dated: 26.05.2015.

ORDER

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri V.V.S.P.R.V.Prasad, the then Dy.Director of Fisheries(Retd), Kakinada, East Godavari district, vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an Inquiry against Sri V.V.S.P.R.V.Prasad, the then Dy.Director of Fisheries(Retd), Kakinada, East Godavari district, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

- 2. The substances of the imputations of misconduct of misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II).
- 3. Sri V.V.S.P.R.V.Prasad, the then Dy.Director of Fisheries(Retd), Kakinada, East Godavari district is directed to submit a written statement of defense within 10 days of the receipt of this order and also to state whether he desired to be heard in person.
- 4. Sri V.V.S..P.R.V.Prasad, the then Dy.Director of Fisheries(Retd), Kakinada, East Godavari district is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges are not admitted. He should, therefore, specially admit or deny article of charge.
- 5. Sri V.V.S.P.R.V.Prasad, the then Dy.Director of Fisheries(Retd), Kakinada, East Godavari district is further informed that, if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte. Further action will be processed based on the material available on record.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. MANMOHAN SINGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To Sri V.V.S.P.R.V.Prasad, the then Dy.Director of Fisheries(Retd), Kakinada, East Godavari district, through the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad. The Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad. SF/SC

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.V.S.P.R.V. PRASAD, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, KAKINADA, NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 31.7.2012

<u>CHARGE-1:</u> "THAT SRI V.V.S.P.R.V. PRASAD, WHILE WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, KAKINADA NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE HAS SELECTED BENEFICIARIES FROM ONLY ONE REMOTE VILLAGE INSTEAD OF ALL THE COASTAL VILLAGES OF THE DISTRICT, TO IMPLEMENT THE SCHEME AND THEREBY VIOLATED THE GUIDELINES IN ORDER TO MISAPPROPRIATE THE GOVT. FUNDS".

<u>CHARGE -2:</u> "THAT SRI V.V.S.P.R.V. PRASAD, WHILE WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR FISHERIES, KAKINADA NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE GOT APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF 42 BENEFICIARIES FROM THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT WHICH WAS SUBMITTED BY THE THEN FDO, SRI K.VENKATESWARA RAO, WITHOUT CONDUCTING GRAMA SABHA, WHICH RESULTED ONLY 5 BENEFICIARIES ARE GROUNDED FOR IBM UNITS".

<u>CHARGE-3:</u> "THAT SRI V.V.S.P.R.V. PRASAD, WHILE WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR FISHERIES, KAKINADA NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE GOT THE UNIT COST OF RS.44,000/-APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, E.G.DISTRICT, BASED ON THE RATE QUOTED BY THE SINGLE DEALER, M/S OM SAI RAM MARINE ENTERPRISES, KAKINADA, WITHOUT GOING FOR OTHER QUOTATIONS AND VERIFYING THE MARKET RATES, WHICH IS LOWER.

<u>Basis:</u> The Department of Fisheries, Government of AP has been implementing the scheme called as "Motorization of Traditional Fishing Crafts" under Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which In Board Machines / Out Board Motors are being supplied to the eligible Marine Fishermen with 50% subsidy limiting to Rs.30,000/- per in Board Machine / Out Board Motors. With the Motorization of Traditional Crafts, the Fishermen could able to venture into offshore fishing area and spend more time for fishing.

During the year 2011 -12, the Commissioner of Fisheries, Govt. of AP, Hyderabad has issued instructions to all the District Fisheries Officers vide Memo.No.216/J2/2011, dt.17.06.2011 for implementation of the scheme, Motrorisation of Traditional Crafts under RKVY Scheme and sanctioned Rs.44.81 lakhs. Under the scheme, Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, E.G. District had received Rs.9.24 lakhs vide D.D.No.997011, dt.15.06.2011 vide Memo.No.216/J2/2011, dt.17.06.2011.

During the course of enquiry, the V& E officials have examined and recorded the statements of the petitioner and other listed beneficiaries and other relevant persons acquainted with the facts of the case.

During the V& E enquiry, it reveals that Sri V.V.S.P.R.V.Prasad, Deputy Director of Fisheries has chosen remote village to implement the scheme instead of selecting beneficiaries from all the coastal villages. Being a responsible public servant he should have taken all the precautions to safe guard the govt.funds and implemented the scheme by identifying genuine beneficiaries, but he failed to discharge his legitimate duties which led to misappropriation of govt. funds of Rs.7,70,000/- Thus, this charge-1.

Sri V.V.S.P.R.V. Prasad, the then Dy. Director, Kakinada had failed to ensure that the beneficiaries are selected by conducting Gram Sabha and simply submitted the list to the District Collector and got it approved. Thus, this charge-2.

Sri V.V. S.P.R.V. Prasad, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada has fixed the rate of each IBM at Rs.44,000/- for 10 HP capacity. As seen from the purchase bills, the dealer has purchased each 10 HP engine @ Rs.18,883/- and 12.5 HP engine @ Rs.20,814/-. There is no justification on the part of officials of Fisheries Dept., to the approved rates @ 44,000/- each for 10 HP engine. He has fixed the rates of IBMs without any justification and simply fixed based on the rates quoted by the dealer, Sri R. Veerraju, which are very exorbitant. He also placed order for supply of IBMs to the dealer without going for any other quotations for the reasons best known to him. Thus, this charge-3.

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ANNEXURE-II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.V.S.P.R.V. PRASAD, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, KAKINADA RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 31.7.2012 IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

From the G.A(V&E)Dept., Vigilance Report No.26, Dt.04.12.2013.

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